

RANGE EXTENSIONS OF RHAMNUS FRANGULA AND  
SPOROBOLUS ASPERIFOLIUS.

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THERE seems to have been gathered heretofore no evidence that *Rhamnus Frangula* L. and *Sporobolus asperifolius* Nees & Meyen were established in Illinois. Britton's Manual credits the former with a range from Long Island to New Jersey, also (as being "reported from") Ontario; and the latter, with a range from Assiniboia to British Columbia, south to Missouri, Nebraska, California and Mexico. Gray's New Manual (7th edition) states that *Rhamnus Frangula* is established in Ontario, on Long Island and in northern New Jersey; while of *Sporobolus asperifolius* it makes no mention. Nor does a careful search among the specimens in the Herbarium of Field Museum show either species to have been found before in Illinois.

The writer has found both of these species growing in Illinois the past season, and well established. Several tall shrubs of *Rhamnus Frangula* were found in Skokie Marsh, west of Glencoe, Illinois, June 8, 1912. These were growing in a dense thicket on a somewhat elevated area of ground toward the center of the marsh. Presumably birds had previously obtained the drupes in Glencoe, more than a mile distant, where the species is used for ornament, and the hard nutlets had been deposited in Skokie Marsh.

*Sporobolus asperifolius* was found north of Elgin, Illinois, August 27, 1912. It occurred in a small but very dense patch on wet, swampy soil along the C. M. & St. P. R. R. tracks. The culms were decumbent at the base and were much branched. The panicles were well developed, but none had reached the length (15 to 20 cm.) frequently attained by western plants referred to this species. Evidently the species had come from the West by way of the railroad.

Specimens of both species have been deposited in the Herbarium of Field Museum.

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A SEDUM NEW TO NORTH AMERICA.— Last summer, while passing through the village of South Bristol, Maine, I noticed an unfamiliar Sedum growing beside the road. The specimens collected could not